IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI WESTERN DIVISION

JOEL DOUGLAS ALEXANDER

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:02-cv-665 (DCB) (JMR)

MANHEIM SERVICES CORPORATION; MANHEIM'S PENNSYLVANIA AUCTION SERVICES, INC.; MANHEIM AUCTIONS, INC.; JAMES GRAB and MIKE BRYANT

DEFENDANTS

## ORDER

This cause is before the Court on defendant Bryant's motion to bifurcate trial (docket entry 152), and on the Manheim defendants' motion to bifurcate trial as to punitive damages (docket entry 153). Having carefully considered the motions, the Court finds as follows:

Both motions seek to bifurcate the trial of this case, separating the issues of liability and damages from that of punitive damages. Inasmuch as neither motion is opposed by the plaintiff, the motions shall be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that defendant Bryant's motion to bifurcate trial (docket entry 152), and the Manheim defendants' motion to bifurcate trial as to punitive damages (docket entry 153) are GRANTED.

SO ORDERED, this the  $22^{nd}$  day of August, 2007.

<u>s/ David Bramlette</u>
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE